(a) whether it is proposed to make any tamporary arrangement for booking of tickets at Mathura Junction during Gowardhan Parikarma (Purnima), three days before Purnima and 2 days after it to reduce the rust of passengers at booking counters;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). An additional booking window is opened at Mathura Junction for three days during Gowardhan Parikarma every month to clear the rush of pilgrims.

(c) Does not arise.

Afforestation in Bihar

1919. SHRI MAHENDRA BAITHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for afforestation in Bihar during the current year;

(b) the targets achieved during first six months; and

(c) the targets fixed by the Union Government for afforestation in the State Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The target fixed for afforestation/tree planting activities in respect of Bihar for the year 1991-92 under the 20-Point Programme and the achievement upto 30.9.1991 are given below:-

	Seeding distribution (in lakhs) (for planting on private lands)	*Area (in bectares) (public lands including forest lands)*
Target	700.00	50,000.00
Achievement (upto 30.9.1991)	533.00	38,562.00

[*English*]

AIDS Education Programme

1920. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay-Ferozepur Janta Express train was flagged off as AIDS (Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome) Education Express with 80 members medical team in order to create awareness about the dreaded disease;

(b) whether there is any proposal to launch such mass awareness programmes both in the urban and rural areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir. The Government of India or the Government of Maharshtra did not flag off any train by naming it as AIDS Education Express. However, the Bombay-Ferozpur Janta Express which left Bombay on 16th September, 1991 to New Delhi, was having 80 students who are study-

ing in the second year MBBS at Grant Medical College, Bombay as passengers. They were scheduled to attend the All India Inter Country Medical Youth Festival "PULSE - 91" at the AIIMS. These students were given orientation training and education programme which was conducted by the Indian Health Organisation, a non-government organisation.

(b) The Government has no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Encroachments of Land of Golconda Fort

1921. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that land of the Golconda Fort in Andhra Pradesh is being encroached; and

(b) if so, steps taken to remove the encroachments?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cases pertaining to the eviction of encroachments from the protected area have been taken up with the State authorities.

Private Sector to Run Third Airlines

1922. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot has succeeded on expected assessment during the last two years;

(b) if not, the factors responsible for such result:

(c) whether the Government are considering to allow private sector to run the third Airlines in the next one or two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Due to commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot had to curtail its operational activities during the last two years. The accumulated losses of the Company upto 31st March, 1991 are estimated to be of the order of Rs. 128 crores. The major reasons for the losses are: Shorthaul nature of the operations, obsolete and uneconomic fleet, unremunerative fare structure

(c) and (d). Air Taxi Services are run by private operators and they can operate to all the airports open to schedule operations in the country.

Environmental Imbalances in Kolhapur, Maharashtra

1923. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the thick forests of Kolhapur District in Maharshtra have been badly damaged due to mining; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the district from environmental imbalances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Only one mining proposal regarding the renewal of quarry lease has been agreed to under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in